

## Interview Summary

Application No.  
**09/171,043**

Applicant(s)  
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Examiner  
**James W. Myhre**

Art Unit  
**3622**

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview Oct 9, 2003

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic      b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☒ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes      e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 30, 32, and 34

Identification of prior art discussed:  
Swenson et al (5,490,097)

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The statutory nature of the above claims was discussed. The Examiner agreed that the inclusion of the final step in which the process model is used places the claims as disclosing statutory subject matter. Applicant discussed how the invention differed from the Swenson invention. Specifically, it was pointed out that Swenson did not disclose the behaviors of the claimed nodes nor that the behaviors were the same during each instantiation. The Examiner discussed his interpretation of these features in the reference.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

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Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

  
Examiner's signature, if required



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**Title**

COMPUTER-BASED SYSTEM FOR WORK PROCESSES THAT CONSIST OF  
INTERDEPENDENT DECISIONS INVOLVING ONE OR MORE PARTICIPANTS

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